

I am writing in support of the ARRL petition for restructuring of the Amateur Radio Service. This is a hobby service that allows many to communicate world wide while also allowing the licensed operator a chance to use the developed skills to aid their communities in times of distress. By allowing these changes, it will open the way for more new licensees as well as expand the number of operators to include the technician level grantees. This will only make the service more valuable to the country both in times of distress and as a backup communication system in general.